(SHRI RAGHUBANS PRASAD SINGH): (a) Year-wise and country-wise details of value and quantity of wheat imported during the last 5 years are given below:—

Year	Country from which imported	Qty. in (lakh MT)	Value (in crores Rs.)
1992-93	Canada	10.27	525.29
	Australia	8.74	421.26
	USA	6.88	318.69
1993-94	Australia	1.76	95.27
	USA	3.00	157.14
1994-95	——NIL——		
1995-96	——NIL——		
1996-97	Canada	Nil	Nil
	Australia	7.52	463.10
	Argentina	0.46	28.57
1997-98	Canada	2.66	179.00
	Australia	6.38	392.90
	Argentina	0.49	30.43

Statement indicating similar details in respect of wheat exported is annexed. *(See Appendix 181, Annexure No. 15)*

(b) No, Sir. However, Roller Flour Mills have been permitted to freely import wheat to meet their own requirements for sale of wheat Products in the domestic market, after registering their import contracts with the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) who will monitor the actual imports made against these contracts.

(c) Does not arise.

Plan to revive Hindustan Photo Films Ltd.

*69. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Ltd. (HPF) was referred to BIFR in October, 1995;

(b) if so, whether a revival plan was made by the management for examination by the Operating Agency;

(c) if so, salient features of the revival plan;

(d) if not, the reasons thereof;

(e) whether any revival plan was submitted by TUs/Officers' Association; and

(f) if so, the Government's views on the same?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No revival plan was prepared by the management.

(d) Keeping in view HPF's present position it is considered advisable to try to get a suitable Joint Venture partner for the successful operation of the company.

(e) and (f) A revival plan was submitted by the HPF Officers Association to the Operating Agency. This was discussed in the BIFR hearing held on 26.6.1997 and was not found viable.

ट्रांसमिशन लाइन ग्रिड के निर्माण में गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र का प्रवेश

*70. **श्री रामजीलाल:** क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ट्रांसमिशन लाइन ग्रिड के निर्माण संबंधी कार्य को निजी क्षेत्र को सौंपने पर विचार कर रही है तथा इस संबंध में शीघ्र विधेयक लाने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका औचित्य क्या है;

(ग) क्या इससे एक राज्य से दूसरे राज्य को बिल भुगतान संबंधी अनेक कठिनाइयां पैदा होंगी तथा मामले न्यायालय में ले जाने से इसमें और अधिक विलम्ब होगा;

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार राज्य बिजली बोर्डों को विश्व बैंक तथा अन्य संस्थाओं से और अधिक ऋण उपलब्ध कराने का विचार रखती है ताकि ट्रांसमिशन लाइन ग्रिड निर्माण का कार्य शीघ्र और सुचारू रूप से संपन्न हो सके; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?